RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) 1238 Anganwadi Centres are operational in the Fatehpur district of Uttar Pradesh as per the reports received from the State Government. Supplementary nutrition to children below six years of age and pregnant and nursing mothers is being regularly provided through all Anganwadi Centres. The nutritious food is distributed to the beneficiaries in the presence of 'Swasthya Samities' constituted by the Gram Panchayats. Accordingly, as per the information received from the State Government no irregularity has been found in distribution of food.

(b) and (c) The pregnant women and nursing mothers are getting 900 grams of nutritious food per week, the children below three years are receiving 450 grams nutritious food per week and children between 3-6 years of age are getting supplementary nutrition every day on regualr basis as per the norms fixed by the State Government. All Project Officers, Supervisors and Anganwadi Workers have been directed to ensure regular and adequate supplies of supplementary nutrition to the beneficiaries.

Streamlining Literacy Programme in Bihar

†316. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by the Central Government to streamline the Literacy Programme, to set up Primary Schools in every village, to build the buildings therefor and to provide mid-day meals to poor children in Bihar, the backward State of the country;

(b) the quantum of amount allocated, district-wise by the Central Government for the purpose during the last three years and till date; and

(c) the details of success and achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Central Government has been taking a number of initiatives to universalise education in Bihar.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Efforts by the Government of India have been made under the existing schemes mainly, Operation Blackboard, Non-formal Education, Teacher Education and under District Primary Education Programme in 11 districts of Bihar. Over and above this, pre-project activities under the new programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for Universalisation of Elementary Education has been approved in 12 districts of Bihar.

(b) The funds released to Government of Bihar for Elementary Education during the last three years is given in statement I (*See* below). Since funds are released to the State Government/State Societies, district wise release of funds has not been maintained under these programmes. However, district-wise release of funds for pre-project activities under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are given in the Statement II (*See* below)

(c) As per the recently published National Family Health Survey 1998-99, 68.2% boys and 50.5% girls in the age group of 6—17 years are attending schools in Bihar. At the time of First National Family Health Survey in 1992-93, 63.6% boys and 38.3% girls in the 6—14 age groups were attending schools in Bihar. While Bihar is still far from the goal of Universalisation of Elementary Education, the NFHS survey indicates some improvement over the years.

Statement I

Central Contribution to Bihar under Various Schemes of Elementary Education during Last Three Years

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Year	Operation Blackboard	Non-Formal Education	DPEP	Teacher Education
1.	1997-98	1547.20	3727.45	1802.00	0.00*
2.	1998-99	0.00*	1249.07	3494.00	0.00*
3.	1999-2000	0.00*	1513.82	2400.00	0.00*

*Due to earlier unspent balances, further funds have not been released.

Statement II

Items of expenditure approved for pre-project activities in Gopalganj, Chhapra, Sivan, Begusarai, Khagaria, Katihar, Nalanda, Madhepura, East Champaran, Nawada, Madhubani and Jehanabad districts in Bihar.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Districts	House hold Survey	Capacity building	Studies	MIS	Office Equipment	Community School Activities	Misc.	Total
1.	Gopalganj	4.00	0.56	0.75	1.68	1.71	7.00	0.50	16.20
2.	Chhapra	4.00	0.56	0.75	1.87	1.71	8.00	0.50	17.39
3.	Sivan	4.50	0.56	0.75	1.79	1.71	7.00	0.50	16.81
4.	Begusarai	4.50	0.56	0.75	1.64	1.71	6.00	0.50	15.66
5.	Khagaria	3.00	0.56	0.75	1.52	1.71	3.00	0.50	11.04
6.	Katihar	5.00	0.56	0.75	1.67	1.71	6.00	0.50	16.19
7.	Nalanda	3.00	0.56	0.75	0.94	1.53	5.00	0.50	12.28
8.	Madhepura	2.00	0.56	0.75	1.47	1.71	4.00	0.50	10.99
9.	East Champaran	7.00	0.56	0.75	1.96	1.71	6.00	0.50	18.48
10.	Nawada	3.50	0.56	0.75	1.65	1.71	6.00	0.50	14.67
11.	Madhubani	7.00	0.56	0.75	1.65	1.71	6.00	0.50	18.50
12.	Jehanabad	2.50	0.56	0.75	1.30	1.71	5.00	0.50	12.32
						Grand Total			180.53

National Policy on Social Sciences

317. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether social scientists from India and abroad met in January, 2001 to help and formulate a National Policy of Social Sciences;